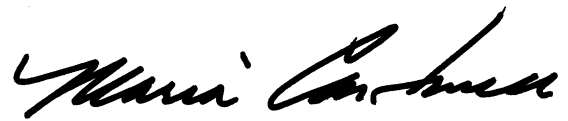


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**Colloquy between Senator Cantwell and Chairman  
Baucus for the Written Record**

**Senator Cantwell:** Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate if you could confirm that this bill does not direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allocate scarce tax payer dollars to support the development, routine updating, or provision of qualified electronic health record technology.

**Chairman Baucus:** Yes. That is correct. This bill does not direct the Secretary to allocate funds for the government to develop, routine updating, or provision of qualified electronic health record technology.